

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SCAM IN SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a scam under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has come to the notice of Government wherein books were sold as waste paper;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of officials found guilty;
- (d) the action taken or proposed to be taken against the officers found guilty; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to check such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI)

(a) to (e) : Cases of selling of textbooks meant for free distribution as waste paper in districts Bhind and Betul has come to the notice of the State Government of Madhya Pradesh. The State Government suspended two cluster level officials allegedly involved in the sale of textbooks and an FIR was lodged against them. They were subsequently arrested. The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has issued instructions to all District Collectors and District Project Coordinators to keep constant vigil in distribution of textbooks and to avoid recurrence of such instances in future. The Government of India has suggested various measures to avoid recurrence of such instances.